

**Amendments to the Specification**

**On page 1 of the specification, please amend the REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section to incorporate the following changes:**

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/887,574 filed June 21, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/552,243 filed April 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,352,514, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/298,386 filed April 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,099,484, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/858,042 filed May 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,951,492, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. No. 60/017,133 filed May 17 1996; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/019,918 filed June 14, 1996; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/023,658 filed August 1, 1996; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/025,340 filed September 3, 1996; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/064,856 filed September 17, 1996; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/092,121 filed September 16, 1996; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/044,406 filed October 8, 1996, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. The present invention is related to inventions disclosed in the following concurrently filed, commonly assigned U.S. Applications: Serial No. 08/857,680, now Patent No. 5,879,311 entitled “Body Fluid Sampling Device and Methods of Use”; Serial No. 08/858,045, now Patent No. 5,857,983 entitled “Methods and Apparatus for Sampling Body Fluid”; “Disposable Element for Use in a Body Fluid Sampling Device”; Serial No. 08/858,043 entitled “Methods and Apparatus for Expressing Body Fluid From an Incision”; and Serial No. 08/975,978 entitled “Body Fluid Sampling Device”. The disclosures of those applications are incorporated herein by reference. The present invention is also related to inventions disclosed in the following, commonly assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 08/857,335 entitled “Disposable Element for Use in a Body Fluid Sampling Device,” now U.S. Patent No. 6,048,352.